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Labour Promise to U.S. Revealed by Churchill

Claims Commitment on Korea

LONDON, Tuesday. — Sensational revelations were made in Parliament tonight by Mr. Churchill, during the most violent party clash on foreign affairs since the end of the war. The Prime Minister alleged that his Labour opponents had, while still in power, promised the U.S. that "they would associate themselves with action" outside Korea if heavy air attacks were made on U.N. forces from Chinese bases.

He also revealed that Britain now had the atom bomb and that the Labour Government had laid the basis for its production, concealing the fact both from Parliament and the U.S.

The House of Commons was continuing the foreign affairs debate which had to be adjourned owing to the death of King George VI. Replying to a Labour motion of personal censure on his foreign policy during his recent visit to the U.S., Mr. Churchill turned from defence to violent attack on his opponents, causing repeated uproar in the House.

Mr. Morrison, opening the debate had stated that the Labour Party was genuinely disturbed about Mr. Churchill's recent talks with President Truman and wanted to know whether the Premier's speech to Congress represented a change of policy. He was referring to Mr. Churchill's statement concerning "prompt, resolute and effective action" if the Chinese Communists broke a truce in Korea.

Angry Reply

Mr. Churchill angrily replied that he was only following a policy begun by the Labour Government, claiming that Mr. Morrison himself had committed himself to the U.S. to co-operate in action against any heavy Chinese air attacks from bases outside Korea.

This produced a stormy scene, with Messrs. Attlee and Morrison protesting that there was no analogy between what had been revealed and the present situation. Mr. Churchill, however, gave an assurance that he intended to adhere to the policy followed by the late administration with regard to the Korean conflict and the relations between Great Britain and China.

Amid delighted cheers from the Government benches, the Premier then accused his Labour predecessors of keeping the news of the progress of Britain's atomic research from Parliament "with Machiavellian art" while losing no opportunity of calling the Conservatives "warmongers."

"I was not aware, until I took office, that not only had the Socialist Government made an atomic bomb as a matter of research, but that they had created at the expense of many scores of millions of pounds the important plant necessary for its regular production. When I informed the Americans in Washington of the position which had been reached, quite a new atmosphere on this subject was reached. This achievement is certainly a real advantage to us," the Premier explained.

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Clement Attlee, intervened again at this point to state that Mr. Churchill's scientific adviser had been informed about developments and that the Americans had also been kept informed.

Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the left-wing Labour leader, then challenged Mr. Churchill to clarify the position by repudiating the Foster Dulles doctrine of war against China. As Labour members shouted to Mr. Churchill to answer, Mr. Bevan repeatedly asked if the Premier accepted Mr. Dulles statement on the subject as a definition of British foreign policy.

Mr. Churchill finally rose and said, "No. Certainly not."

The Conservative Government by 250 votes to 203 defeated an attempt by the Labour opposition in the House of Commons tonight to censure the Supply Minister Mr. Duncan Sandys, Mr. Churchill's son-in-law.

(AP, UP, Reuter)

U.S. Thinks British May Lead in A-Bomb

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Congressional Atomic Energy Committee believes Britain might now be far ahead of the U.S. in technical scientific advances on the atom bomb and atomic weapons generally, according to an authoritative source tonight.

Reuter learned this here after Mr. Winston Churchill's announcement that Britain had made the bomb under the Labour Government which had created facilities to produce such bombs regularly, according to the informant, who asked to remain unidentified. The Congressional Committee suspected that Britain had made much more progress than was generally known or admitted.

The Committee believed therefore that Britain would be in a position to strike a hard bargain in any discussions to reach agreement on the exchange of atomic secrets.

Column One
By David Courtney

THE perversity of proud calculations may yet work out to our benefit. We have reckoned on the Germans to give punch and numbers to a European Army and have tended to reckon on the Japanese to give punch and numbers to a Pacific Army if the time should come when punch and numbers in the Pacific are wanted. But neither the Germans nor the Japanese seem to welcome the opportunity once again to form themselves up in martial ranks and step out in defence of the new values they are supposed to have imbibed from their evangelizing conquerors of a few years ago. It would not be surprising if the Germans were less warlike than they were. They were beaten rather badly by the Russians in the late war. The memory of their beating and of the painful rigours of the cruellest campaigns in the history of war, is still close. The fact that America would be on their side this time is probably not balm enough for the wounds under which the Germans are still smarting. The Japanese, too, have bitter memories of war. The shock of Hiroshima and Nagasaki has not wholly passed away.

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BUT the German army, we are told, is essential to the building up of a European force capable of meeting and checking the Red Army. And if war were to develop on the mainland of China only Japan would be in a position to provide the huge numbers of men needed to confront the vast and widely-dispersed hordes of Mao Tse-tung. This is to say that war against the Soviet, in a territorial sense, would be an extremely dangerous affair without the Germans and that war against the Chinese would be much the same risk unless the Japanese were there to provide the bulk of the manpower.

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IT is a fact, of course, that the United States is far ahead of Soviet Russia in its stock of atomic weapons and probably also in the destructive power of its bombs. There would seem to be little doubt of its superiority in atomic tactical weapons. But all the experts are agreed that even the best of the atomic armaments can only be complementary to a land force in the event of war against Soviet Russia or China, whose immense territories provide scope for such movement that no atomic weapon could effectively keep pace with it. On the other hand, in the case of Europe, without a powerful German army at the forefront of an allied Continental force, the atom-bomb would probably be unable to prevent the Russians from reaching the English Channel and the Pyrenees in a few weeks, so that the countries now in the process of re-arming, and of converting their industrial plant to the manufacture of armaments, would themselves either become the target of the American atom-bomb or be left under occupation whilst a long air war of attrition was fought out. With both Germans and Japanese unwilling, or unable, to provide the bulk of the land armies in the initial phase of war, the slow, appalling process of attrition would probably apply from the North Cape to the China Seas.

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NATURALLY, both the prospect of war and the course war might take are at this stage the merest speculation. But he is a fool who does not speculate on it. It is a possibility if not a probability. And both the prospect and the course must be affected by the response of Germany and Japan to the efforts now being made to integrate them into the defence systems of the West.

Tel Aviv, February 27

Tear-Gas Disperses Tunisian Students

TUNIS, Tuesday. — Police hurled tear-gas bombs and fired shots in the air today to disperse students who hurled rocks at a streetcar. No casualties were reported.

The 150 students from Sidki College hurled the stones as they marched toward the public information offices to protest against measures taken by the French authorities. In all, 880 students from various schools demonstrated today.

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New Prices For Food on Friday

The new food prices which are to be published on Friday, will come into effect on Saturday and will apply both to rationed and unrationed items, a Ministry of Commerce spokesman said in Jerusalem yesterday. The increases will vary according to the new pound rate for various categories of food imports. Even those commodities calculated on the $2.80-IL.1 rate will be more expensive due to higher wage and transport costs.

Though the new price of bread has not been fixed, the increase will not exceed five pruta a loaf, the spokesman said, denying reports that it would be 10 pruta.

Fish Expected

The spokesman also disclosed that about 3,000 tons of fish are due to arrive in the next few days. The shipment includes 800 tons of fillet, 400 tons of herrings from Britain and Norway and 200 tons of frozen fish from Norway. The Passover ration of fish will total 600 tons of Turkish carp.

A shipload of 415 tons of meat arrived in Haifa port yesterday and 500 more are due within the next few days. Next week's meat ration will sell at the new price of 800 pruta and IL.1 a kilogram of frozen and fresh meat, respectively, the spokesman stated.

The first shipment of 300 tons of cod fish fillet, part of a total consignment of some 2,600 tons which Norway has undertaken to supply within the framework of the trade agreement with Israel, left Norway in the ss. Aalesund yesterday, it was learned from one of the principal importers of this commodity in Jerusalem yesterday.

In addition, some 150 tons of fishmeal (herring) chicken feed of high protein content are to leave Norway today on the s.s. [illegible].

The renewal of the present trade pact with Norway, which expires on April 6, will probably be negotiated in Israel at the end of March, it was also learned.

New Hairdressing Prices

New hairdressing fares in force since February 10 were [illegible] on February 17. The price of a haircut in Class A and B establishments is 250 and 220, a shave 130 and 120 and shampoo 165 and 130, pruta, respectively.

Prices in women's hairdressing establishments range from 450 pruta to IL.1,450 and 110 pruta to IL.1,300 in A and B establishments, respectively.

Dollar Prices Drop On Black Market

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A general reduction in the black market quotations of gold and dollars was registered here today, it is reported. A marked decrease in business volume was also noticed. The dollar was quoted at IL.2.800, as against IL.3.300 at the end of last week, and the sovereign sold for IL.34 as compared with IL.40 last week.

Eshed Withholds Strike Action

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Eshed management has decided to withhold strike action for the time being, pending their demand for further fare increases, following an eight-hour meeting here today.

During the meeting, Eshed representatives had a telephone conversation with the Minister of Communications who, it is understood, informed them that the Co-operative's books would be inspected within a month and that fares would be revised in the light of subsequent findings.

It was learned tonight that the approved 25 per cent provisional fare increases will be charged as from tomorrow (Wednesday).

Mr. Y. Zamora, Eshed public relations officer, told The Post the Cooperative would lose "tens of thousands of pounds" this month. He said that if no decision on fares was taken within a month, it would "take all means in its power" to secure its demands, which include a provisional fare increase of 50 per cent prior to a final raise of about 75 per cent.

Today's meeting decided to cancel Saturday services run by the Haifa subsidiary, Shahar, in order to save tyres and spare parts.

Exemption of Religious Girls From Service Again Debated

By Moshe Brilliant
POST Correspondent

Girls claiming exemption from military service on grounds of religious or conscientious objection will no longer be able to be released merely by declaring that they had such objections. Under the terms of a measure which passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday, they will have to convince a competent authority that their objections are genuine.

The measure, contained in an amendment to the Security Service Law, was introduced by the Defence Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion, who said the Bill was designed merely to prevent abuses by irreligious girls taking advantage of a loophole in the law. A measure which will require religious girls to render other forms of national service would be introduced later, the Defence Minister said. However, he refused to be pinned down to a time limit.

Attack Privileges

The introduction of the measure touched off a debate on the broader question of the exemption of religious girls. Speakers of Mapam, the General Zionists, Herut and even Mapai attacked the provision giving religious girls special privileges. Mr. Ben Gurion was patently annoyed by the turn of the debate and he was heard pointing out angrily to the Deputy Speaker that this had nothing to do with the bill under discussion. He accused Opposition members of "playing politics," and in the interval he vigorously took Mrs. Beba Idelson, of Mapai, to task for pressing for service for religious women.

In the vote, the General Zionists, Mapam, Herut and Mrs. Hanna Lamdan (Mapam dissident) voted for a motion by Mr. Israel Bar Yehuda (Mapam) that the bill should be shelved until the Government introduces the amendment requiring religious women to do national service. Mapai, Hapoel Hamizrachi and the Progressives voted to send the bill to Committee, but the Progressive spokesman, Mr. Izhar Cohen, said that his party would fight in the Committee for the abolition of discrimination in favour of religious women. The Agudat Israel and Poalei Agudat Israel abstained.

According to Mr. Shalom Zisman (General Zionist), 40 per cent of the women eligible for military service claimed exemption on grounds of religious objection. This estimate was neither confirmed nor denied by Mr. Ben Gurion. Speakers in the debate recalled instances of obvious abuses and noted that the courts had convicted girls who had claimed to be religious and were later caught travelling on the Sabbath or eating non-kosher food.

Of the religious speakers, Mr. Mordechai Hazani (Hapoel Hamizrachi) expressed support for the bill stating that it was not designed against religious girls, while Rabbi Kalman Kahana (Poalei Agudat Israel), Dr. Abraham Deutsch and Mr. Shlomo Lorencz (Agudat Israel) opposed vesting the power of decision with Recruiting Officers, who had, in the past, acted with hostility toward religious girls, they said. Dr. Deutsch complained that they had tried to trick girls with such questions as what blessing a housewife says [illegible] while in fact no blessing is said. Mr. Lorencz suggested that certificates from the Chief Rabbinate should be accepted as evidence, but this was categorically rejected by Mr. Ben Gurion.

Background Political

The background of the issue is political. In the First Knesset, the Religious Bloc opposed the conscription of women and a compromise was finally reached in the coalition whereby women were permitted to claim objection on religious grounds. After the first government fell, but before the election of the Second Knesset, Mr. Ben Gurion introduced an amendment requiring religious girls to serve in agriculture or social services.

The introduction of this bill touched off a wave of protests, fasts, threats of civil disobedience and finally, on the day the bill was to have been brought for a final vote, an abortive attempt to explode a bomb in the Knesset. The bill died, however, when the First Knesset was dissolved. When Mr. Ben Gurion decided to reconstitute the Government with the religious parties, an agreement was reached, providing for a status quo in the matter.

Capital Punishment Bill Passes First Reading

The Bill for the Abolition of Capital Punishment passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday by 24 votes to 17 and was sent to the Parliamentary Legislation Committee for further action.

The Bill abolishes the death penalty for murder, but retains it with respect to treason and the acts of Nazi war criminals.

The motion to return the Bill to the Government was proposed by Mr. Nahum Hett (General Zionist) and received most of its support from the Mapai benches. The Minister of Police, Mr. Behor Shitreet, also voted against the Bill.

Voting on Bill

All the Mapam, Orthodox members and Communists present voted to send the bill to the Committee. Mapai and the General Zionist MKs were divided among themselves.

Of the last speakers in the debate, Dr. Haim Boger (General Zionist), Dr. Abraham Deutsch (Agudat Israel), Mr. Ya'acov Uri (Mapai) and Mr. Ezra Ichilov (General Zionist) favoured abolishing the death penalty. [illegible] argued against the reform.

The House yesterday also passed the first readings of a private member's bill introduced by Mr. David Bar-Rav-Hai (Mapai) [illegible] and a bill introduced by the Minister of Justice, Dr. Dov Joseph, [illegible].

Two Mapam Dissidents Seated in Knesset

The Mapam dissidents, Mrs. Hanna Lamdan and Mr. David Lifshitz, participated in a Knesset meeting yesterday for the first time in a fortnight. They occupied new places at the extreme end of the U-shaped tiers, together with the other two-member parties.

They have not yet adopted a name for their group.

Discussion of Mrs. Lamdan's resignation as Deputy Speaker was postponed by the House Committee until next week. Mapam, who will nominate her successor, were not yet ready to name their candidate.

Mrs. Lamdan has been officially expelled from Mapam following a decision taken by the Party's Executive Committee, it is learned in Tel Aviv. It is understood that more formal expulsions may follow.

Mr. Moshe Ben Anat, who left the party last week with Mrs. Lamdan and Mr. Lifshitz, said today that satisfactory progress had been made in collecting signatures for the new party.

A country-wide conference of Ahdut Avoda representatives is being held here on Friday and it is understood that the "dissident" members are being urged to attend to refute any charges that may be levelled against them.

Mrs. Myerson Arrives In New York

NEW YORK, Tuesday (UP). — Mrs. Golda Myerson, Israel's Minister of Labour, arrived here from London today on a month's visit to the U.S. She will speak at a two-day Emergency Economic Conference in Washington this week-end on Israel's economic policies.

She flew by El Al Constellation which left Lydda on Sunday night and stopped briefly in London yesterday.

British Mission To Turkey, Iraq Armies

by POST Correspondent

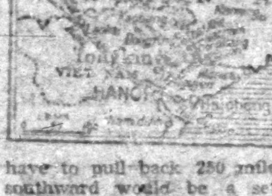
NICOSIA, Tuesday. — A British military mission will soon go to Turkey and Iraq with a view to ascertaining the tank, artillery and equipment requirements of these two countries, it is understood.

This mission was agreed on following General Brian Robertson's recent Iraq visit, informed sources here believe. Brigadier Cox, Commander of the Cyprus district, is going to the Canal Zone soon to take part in this mission. Brigadier Garrett from the Malta Command took over the Cyprus post today.

France May Quit North Indo-China

PARIS, Tuesday. — France may have to abandon the entire northern section of Indo-China to the Communist-led Vietminh forces, informed French sources said today.

They said official quarters consider the move in which French Union troops would



have to pull back 250 miles southward would be a setback of the first order for the anti-Communist world.

The recent retreat from the strategic outpost of Hoa Binh underlined the gravity of the French position. When the late Marshal Jean de Lattre de Tassigny took the jungle fortress last fall he said he could hold it "forever." Now the French perimeter is only 20 miles from the Tonkin capital of Hanoi, and the Vietminh forces are massing for new attacks on the French withdrawal route to the south.

Heavy Losses

Peking Radio today claimed that the Vietminh had smashed three French Union battalions when they "liberated" Loc Binh last week-end. The broadcast, quoting a Vietminh army communique said the French and allied Vietnamese forces had lost more than 20,000 men in the last three months.

Meanwhile French authorities in Saigon reported that the city was cut off from the south after Vietminh "frogmen" early today blew up the main road and rail bridge from Saigon to south-west Indo-China. They swam down the Vaico River during the night and slipped plastic dynamite on to a pylon on the 300-metre metal bridge — 20 kilometres south-west of Saigon. The explosion caused more than half the span of the bridge to collapse. The damage was expected to take three weeks to repair.

Traffic was at a standstill, cut off from Indo-China's richest rice-fields. A ferry service was being organized, and a temporary "Bailey" bridge is to be put up.

(Reuter, UP, AFP)

Britain Will Not Yield to Egypt On Sudan Issue

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Britain is not proposing to recognize King Farouk's claim to sovereignty over the Sudan, Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd made it clear to the Commons today.

Replying to questions, he said Britain would give the Sudanese Government every encouragement to complete its constitution by the end of this year. It would then be open to the Sudanese to decide on a status for their country.

(In a broadcast in Cairo yesterday, Premier Ali Maher said the Anglo-Egyptian talks starting Saturday would be on the methods to achieve Egypt's demands for British withdrawal and the incorporation of the Sudan, and not on the demands themselves.)

In Cairo today, a British Embassy spokesman described Anglo-Egyptian relations as "back to normal." He said "A healthier atmosphere now prevails."

At a press conference in Cairo yesterday, Pakistan Foreign Minister Sir Zafrullah Khan said no proposals for Middle East defence had been made to Pakistan so far. He said Pakistan was "naturally interested in all problems which affect vitally the security and freedom of Middle East countries."

'Stalling' Charged At Truce Talks

TOKYO, Tuesday (Reuter). — U.N. and Communist peace delegates accused each other today of trying to delay the signing of an armistice in Korea.

Both sides disagreed on the armistice "inspectors" question. The U.N. suggested there should be only two nominations of neutral nations on each side and that they would drop Norway if the Communists dropped Russia. The Communists described this proposal as "an attempt to exclude Russia without tenable reasons."

A U.N. broadcast to Korea today said the Communists were stalling on the voluntary repatriation of prisoners of war at the orders of Moscow.

Peking Radio today accused the Americans of using Communist prisoners in Korea for experiments with bacteriological weapons. Quoting the Peking "People's Daily," it said they had been "branded and shot [illegible] blinded with powerful electric lights and scalded with steam."

SOUTH'S LOSSES

PUSAN, Tuesday (UP). — The South Korean armed forces have suffered 700,000 casualties as dead, wounded or missing and more than 1,000,000 civilian casualties since the Korean war began, the Government said today. Some 6 million refugees have lost homes [illegible] worth of material damage.

Student Allocations At Old Rate Up to Feb. 16

All allocations for students made before February 14, the day the new exchange rates came into effect, will be calculated at the old rate of $2.80 to IL.1. Allocations made afterwards will be calculated at the new $1 to IL.1 rate, the committee composed of the Ministers of Education, Finance and Foreign Affairs decided yesterday, it was learned in Jerusalem.

The committee also decided to create a special fund from which part of the Treasury's "earnings" from the new rate will be deposited. This fund will provide aid for needy students abroad and payment for the return tickets of those who cannot continue their studies.

The ministerial committee also asked for the appointment of an interdepartmental committee to review the range of courses being studied abroad to determine whether they could be pursued in Israel.

The association of parents of students studying abroad which met in Tel Aviv on Monday demanded Government permission to transfer funds to their children at the rate of $2.80 to IL.1. The resolution was forwarded to the Minister of Education.

Schuman Alleges U.S. 'Guarantees'

LISBON, Tuesday. — French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman threw a big press conference into an uproar today when he indicated he had firm promises from Secretary of State Dean Acheson and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden to underwrite the proposed treaty on the European Army.

He had the "firm hope," M. Schuman said, that the U.S. and Britain would give concrete political and legal guarantees against any future German sell-out of the European Army.

Official U.S. quarters quickly threw cold water on his statement, saying that only Congress could give such guarantees, and that Mr. Acheson had only reaffirmed what Congress has already done in the way of guarantees — an agreement to keep six U.S. divisions in Europe.

France is afraid the Germans, once they armed, may evade or repudiate obligations to keep their armed forces merely as part of the six-nation army under General Dwight Eisenhower pledged to resist Communist aggression.

Germany's Share

Meanwhile it was announced tonight that Western Germany is to contribute 10,200m. marks in the year 1952-53 to Western defence, 1,050m. marks less than recommended by the "Three Wise Men."

Following a meeting between Mr. Acheson, Mr. Eden and M. Schuman, it was announced that they agreed that the difference in Germany's contribution should cover part of the cost of the Federal police forces, frontier guards, [illegible] and mobile police forces in West Berlin.

At its final session yesterday the NATO Council approved plans to link the Atlantic alliance with the proposed six-nation European Defence Community, including Germany. The precise nature of these plans, which will tie West Germany in with the Western defence system for the first time was not disclosed.

However, a declaration of aims issued at the same time as the Council's communique said the Community "will cooperate and work within the framework of NATO" in pursuit of the common objectives.

The NATO year mentioned would begin on July 1, assuming that the [illegible] European Defence Community and the contractual arrangements between the Western Allies and Germany were finished by that time.

In the meantime, a British spokesman here said tonight, occupation costs would continue to be paid to the Allied powers in the usual way.

Big Step

The spokesman said the agreement between Germany and the three Western powers was a big step on the road towards the establishment of the European Defence Community (E.D.C.). The German contribution will not include the fund which bolsters the civilian economy of West Berlin.

There will be a special meeting shortly of E.D.C. countries attended by British and U.S. officials to decide the apportionment between the cost of raising Germany's own forces and the "logistical support" (the old occupation costs) of the Allied forces in Germany, an authoritative source said here today.

Tackling the intricate problem of commands in the Mediterranean, the Atlantic powers agreed that the land and air forces of the alliance's two new members, Greece and Turkey, should for the present come under U.S. Admiral Robert Carney, C.-in-C. Southern Europe. Their naval forces will for the present remain under their national Chiefs of Staff.

It was also disclosed today that Britain will provide at least one-third of the force of 4,000 aircraft the Atlantic pact nations are planning to build up this year, according to an authoritative source. Britain would also furnish the biggest contribution in armoured forces, including the three armoured divisions now in Germany, the source added.

Britain's £30m. share of the third phase of the programme, for construction of airfields and communication centres for SHAPE, would be provided in kind, the source said. About half the contribution would be in telecommunications equipment.

DEMANDS 'ENOSIS'

NICOSIA, Tuesday (Reuter). — Archbishop Makarios tonight cabled Greek Foreign Minister Venizelos in Lisbon asking him to draw the NATO Council's attention to the fact that "Cyprus can constitute a secure base for defence only after the Cypriots' national demand for 'Enosis' is accomplished."

Britain Denuded Of Land Forces

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter) — Land forces in Britain have been so reduced by requirements abroad that they are at present of "negligible proportions," the Minister of War, Mr. Anthony Head, said here today.

In a memorandum explaining yesterday's estimates for the army in 1952-53, Mr. Head said battalions of the volunteer Home Guard were being equipped as rapidly as possible and troops here were being trained for operational roles.

The number of long-term recruits for the regular army had risen from 22,125 in 1950 to 25,330 in 1952, but there was no cause for complacency, the Minister added.

The memorandum revealed that army scientists had been studying how to combat the deadly effects of atomic and biological warfare. The estimates for the year amount to £511,500,000.

It was also revealed that Britain would have a "true" coal shortage of about [illegible] tons by 1954-55, in a memorandum published today by the Federation of British Industries.

This "true" shortage — [illegible]

The memorandum has been submitted to the Committee of National Fuel Policy, appointed to consider steps to promote the best use of Britain's fuel and power resources.

4-Nations Naval Games Start in Mediterranean

NAPLES, Tuesday (Reuter). — U.S. planes "attacked" French cruisers while British submarines "torpedoed" Italian destroyers in the Mediterranean today in one of the biggest joint exercises ever staged.

The nine-day exercise entitled "Grand Slam," is commanded by Admiral Robert B. Carney, Commander-in-Chief of the South Europe sector of the Atlantic forces.

More than 200 ships of all four nations are taking part. Exact figures of ships and planes are being withheld as a "security precaution."

The exercise is designed to give sailors of the four nations an opportunity of working with each other, testing inter-changeability of equipment (such as refuelling lines) and trying to iron out language difficulties in the communications system.

One step had already been taken with the adoption of a NATO code which covers standard naval operations.

Europe Meeting To Fix Civil Flying Corridors

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — World aviation experts meeting here will today begin work on a plan for air corridors to be used by all civil aircraft flying over Europe to eliminate the present congestion in the skies.

The experts from 57 countries, are delegates to the third European Mediterranean Regional Air Navigation Conference of the International Civil Aviation Organization, a U.N. specialized agency.

French Deputies In Marathon Session

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — Premier Edgar Faure, a few hours after the all-night confidence debate, told Deputies today that they would have to sit again all night tonight, all day tomorrow and up to midnight — over 24 hours without a respite.

This time the debate will be on M. Faure's plan to increase all taxation in France by 15 per cent.

Earlier today, M. Faure scored a major victory in the National Assembly when the House voted by 355 to 246 to adopt his controversial sliding-scale wage bill. Under this bill, wage adjustments are automatically introduced should variations in the cost of living index exceed ten per cent. Should the increase vary between five and ten per cent, a period of time will lapse between the actual C.-of-L. rise and the adjustment of wages.

The announcement on the marathon debate found Deputies of all parties cross and tired. The Finance Commission showed the mood of the Parliament this afternoon by refusing to discuss the Premier's new taxation proposals. A fortnight ago, when M. Faure was asking for considerably less, the Commission rejected the new tax plan.

In the Finance Commission today 18 Gaullists and Conservatives voted not to examine the new proposals; Fifteen Radicals and Popular Republicans voted in favour of examining them. Thirteen Socialists and Moderate Conservatives did not vote at all.

M. Faure had added 50,000m. francs to the 120,000m. in the new taxes that he submitted to the Finance Commission a fortnight ago and which they then rejected.

Sweden May Restrict Communist Diplomats

STOCKHOLM, Tuesday (Reuter). — Sweden may impose the same travel restrictions on Communist diplomats in Sweden as their countries impose on Swedish diplomats, Foreign Minister Oesten Unden told Parliament here today.

He was answering questions from members about Russian diplomats in Sweden, put in connection with recent trials where Swedish Communists were sentenced for having passed on secret information to Russian diplomats.

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Competition Entering Our Economic Life

By Our Economic Correspondent

AFTER the first bewilderment over the apparent paradox that inflation is to be combated by raising prices, the knowledge has begun to dawn on many that the New Economic Policy proposes to perform the painful operation of adapting our standard of living to our resources; or to put it more bluntly, to lower the general standard of living. It has also become clear that with the abandonment of the system of calculating prices according to production costs and adding a profit for the manufacturer, some element of competition is to be restored to economic life.

Both these measures have been advocated for a long time by experts and members of the business community and have been discussed by the workers as well. But as things were allowed to drift for so long, the shock of the sudden change caused by the introduction of the three dollar-rates has been very great. It is, however, only to be expected that workers and industrialists, the professions as well as artisans, should be concerned with safeguarding their own interests in the general upheaval which is bound to occur, a symptom of which was the panic buying of the past week.

More Cooperation Needed

Things would be much easier if in the execution of its plan, the government could rely on wide parliamentary and public support. But we have to face the grave fact that economic reform has to be carried out with Mapam in bitter and determined opposition, and with the General Zionists watching out for every false step of the government and ready to withhold not only cooperation in the Knesset but — under certain circumstances — that of the economic circles close to them.

Even if it were unassailable from the theoretical point of view — and economics are still far from being an exact science — the fate of the New Economic Policy depends largely on the manner in which it is put into effect. First experiences give cause for misgivings.

Preparations for the introduction of the new pricelevels are still far from being complete, and there is a lack of that firm lead which is necessary if the public is to know what it has to expect and what is expected from it. There are two sides to these preparations. First the administrative machine must be geared to the changed direction of policy, and officials must be prepared to answer the many questions which immediately crop up. Secondly public relations, in the widest sense of the term, acquire great importance. But Government departments were neither ready with instructions nor with new prices. The result as seen for instance in the disruption of transport after the introduction of the new oil prices, is an unnecessary dislocation of economic life.

Controls Hamper Production

If the importance of implementation is admitted and the imperfections of the administrative machine are taken into account, it is natural to ask if all the intricate controls which are in force can still be adequately applied. Some months ago a committee of the Knesset advocated a measure of decontrol for vegetables thus hoping to stimulate production. In other branches, too, red-tape and the inability to cope with the complicated business of official supervision and inspection have slowed down the country's economy.

The declared intention of the government to retrench and to dismiss civil servants raises moreover the important question of where retrenchment will do the least harm. It is probable that some measure of decontrol would ease the way to retrenchment and at the same time give a stimulus to production, especially in agriculture. But it must never be forgotten that the raising of prices and the consequent lowering of the standard of living is only one part of the New Economic Policy.

The other, and certainly the more important aspect, is the raising of output, and the reintroduction of competition may bring about the abolition of certain controls which can be classed as unproductive expenditure.



Social & Personal

The Acting President and Knesset Speaker, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, returned home this week from a convalescent hotel on Mt. Carmel. He is expected to visit the Knesset next week, although he will probably not resume his duties until after the recess.

The American Consul and Vice Consul in Haifa, Mr. W. P. Chase and Mr. I. A. May, yesterday visited the industrial areas of Haifa, Acre and Nahariya, upon the invitation of the Manufacturers' Association in Haifa. Mr. Chase and Mr. May were accompanied by Dr. S. Deiner, Mr. W. Lindenstrauss and Mr. Y. Arnon of the Association.

Dr. Yitzhak Brauer, Controller of Foreign Currency, left by BOAC yesterday for London on Finance Ministry affairs.

Mr. A. Ezer, Director of the Convention Centre, left by TWA yesterday for Paris in connection with next year's Music Festival in Jerusalem. The Hon. Edwin Samuel has left for a tour of Europe to secure the participation of governments and firms in "The Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition.

Mr. Ya'acov Avnon left by SAS yesterday with Mrs. Avnon for Stockholm where he will take up his appointment as Second Secretary at the Legation.

Mr. Paul Ginsburg, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans Association of America and his Aide, Mr. William Felson, left by TWA yesterday for Rome.

Mr. D. Ackerman, Director of Israhol Co. Lt., has left the country by "Sabena Airlines" for Belgium in connection with the preparation of the Belgian trade exhibition in Israel and industrial development in the Negev.

BIRTHS

KLAUSNER—To Hemda (nee Frankes), wife of Yig'al Klausner, Herzlia, on February 24, 1952—a son, Doron.

MUNWES—To Miriam (nee Lesham), wife of David Munwes, on February 25, 1952, at the Assuta Hospital, Tel Aviv—a daughter.

First Prizes Of Mifal Hapayis

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (ITIM)—The second drawing of the second series of the Mifal Hapayis lottery took place in the Ohel Shem Hall this afternoon. The main prizes were three IL.1,000 awards which were won by 1375, Serial 30; 939, Serial 83 and 644, Serial 32.

Prizes of IL.500, IL.250, IL.150, IL.100, IL.50, IL.20, IL.10 and IL.2 were also drawn.

REVIEW OF OPINION IN YESTERDAY'S PRESS:

Industrialists Should Help Themselves

"Industrialists should help themselves" writes "Ha'aretz" (Independent) in an editorial criticizing Mr. P. Bernstein, the General Zionist leader, who wants deflation but disapproves of the Government's new programme. "Many circles have become spoiled in recent years," the paper asserts, "and now they cry aloud even before they feel the pain."

The pain, however, must be felt by all classes and circles if our economy is to improve. The complaints of the industrialists about the lack of liquid capital cannot be taken seriously as long as there is no palpable change on the mortgage and securities bourse.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) stresses the importance of close relations with India, emphasizing that both India and Israel are vitally interested in Middle Eastern and Asian stability and peace so essential for their vast development programmes.

"Haboker" (General Zionist), finding fault with the Jewish Agency's "Zionist Newsletter" for an article against a unified school system, calls it "Yevsektsian propaganda, in a Zionist cloak."

"Kol Haam" (Communist) sharply condemns "Davar" (Histadrut) for its "vile calumnies" in giving credence to rumours about the liquidation of Birobidjan. This has been denied, the paper notes, by David Zaslavski, the Soviet journalist, who insists that Stalinist policy towards the Jews has not changed in the slightest. According to "Hador" (Mapai), however, as far back as 1917 Zaslavski was called a "blackmailer and liar" by Lenin in his "Collected Works."

Recent attacks on Zionism in Czechoslovakia, writes "Davar," are even less understandable than those elsewhere since very few Jews remain in that country and most of these are assimilationists.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 249 & TEL AVIV: 43.9, 33.3 & 522 M.

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 7.59, 12.00, 1.30, 6, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m.; English: 2 and 9.30 p.m.; Arabic Programme (including News): 8.00 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; French: 3 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies. 8.30 Oriental Music (R). 8.45 Close Down.

10.30 a.m. Requests (R). 11.00 Housewives' Corner. 11.15 Concert Hall: Overture "Ruy Blass" (Mendelssohn); Triple Concerto (Beethoven). 12.02 Break for Music (R). 12.20 Programme for Working Women. 12.30 Programme for Hospitals. 1.00 Soldiers' Programme (R). 1.45 Programme Announcements. 3.15 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Variety (R). 4.45 Programme for Yemenites. 5.00 Light Music (R). 5.15 Children's Hour. 5.45 Bible Reading. 6.15 Classical Request Programme. 7.45 Frank Sinatra (R). 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.45 Relay from "Noah's Ark." 9.45 Relay from "Noah's Ark." 10.00 Chamber Music. 10.30 Cantoral Request Programme. 11.05 Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (33.3 & 460 M.): 6.30 p.m. French: 7.00 p.m. Ladino: 7.30 p.m. Yiddish: 8.00 p.m. Turkish: 8.15 p.m. Persian.

Kol Zion Lagola (33.3 M.): 11.30 p.m. Newsreel. 11.45 Songs & Dances.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (30.53 & 42.05 M.): 6.30 p.m. News. 6.40 News Talk. 6.45 Questions & Answers.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (230, 225 & 44.6 M.): 6.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 6.35 Piano Recital. 6.55 Tomorrow's "Bamahane." 7.00 Jazz. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Talk. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30 News. 8.45 Relay from "Noah's Ark." 10.00 Close Down.

Pound Quotations Rise Slightly

Quotations of the Israel Pound on the Geneva exchange continued to rise slightly at the beginning of last week. On February 19 it was quoted at 1.95 Swiss Francs (45 cents), a rise of 15 percent in less than a week.

United States (dollar)	4.36½
Canada (dollar)	4.35
Great Britain (pound)	10.00
France (100 fr.)	0.93½
West. Germany (100 mk.)	85.50
Belgium (100 fr.)	7.80
Holland (100 gulden)	102.50
Sweden (100 kronor)	70.50
Italy (100 lire)	0.63½
Austria (100 sch.)	13.40
Czechoslovakia (100 cr.)	1.05
Denmark (100 kr.)	50.50
Norway (100 kr.)	50.50
Egypt (Eg pound)	9.40
Israel (Is. pound)	1.95
Spain (100 pesetas)	8.65
Portugal (100 escudos)	14.40
Argentina (100 pesos)	15.75
Brazil (100 cruzeiros)	13.90
Turkey (Turk. pound)	1.00

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ARNON: Singapore.
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8-4: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo: Romema. Bus 3A Feeding time: 2-3 p.m.

9-1; 2-5: Exhibition of Paintings by Max W. Arnold. Also Exhibit of the Month: Drawing by A. Modigliani. Bezalel Museum.

9-3; 4-6: Archaeological Exhibition: Dept. of Antiquities; 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.

10-5: Sanhedria Tomb.

11.30-12.30: Film Shows of Israel. Keren Hayesod Head Office.

TEL AVIV

10-4: Exhibition of Toulouse Lautrec lithographs; also "Hadassim," by Gesea Circle for popular Jewish art.

8 p.m.: "The Glass Menagerie"; Chamber Theatre; Mograbi Hall.

HAIFA

8 a.m.-5.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.

11-1; 4-8: Destruction and Revolt of the Ghetto in Art and Literature (1939-1945). The Museum of Art, Haifa Municipality (new wing).

4-7 p.m.: Exhibition of paintings by M. Lender. Pavilion of Painters and Sculptors Association; 32 Rehov Hahar, Haifa.

RAMAT GAN

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Lydda Airport	72	6	18	17
Jerusalem	68	6	15	16
Beersheba	—	4	18	18

Forecast: Fair weather continuing with temporary increase of cloudiness.
A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum, yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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160 tons of paper and cardboard and 2,000 tons of potatoes are due in Haifa Port on Saturday.

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Some 5,161 persons, an increase of 17 per cent over December, attended vocational courses last month. It was announced yesterday.

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The drawing for the crimson and gold brocade purse called "Israel" by its French designer, Christian Dior, will be held at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon at the WIZO Club on Rehov Hayarkon in Tel Aviv. Proceeds will go to WIZO's drive for the needy.

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Some 200 men and women suspected of evading military service were detained yesterday afternoon and evening in a full-scale search-out of Jerusalem cafes and control thoroughfares by teams of civilian and Military Police. All were released on bail and ordered to appear at enrollment centres this morning. In Tel Aviv, several hundred others were detained in a similar operation. . . Mazal Cohen, of 28 Rehov Tahkemoni, in Jerusalemites, was released in IL.200 bail yesterday after she was charged with forging her birth certificate in order to evade Army service.

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About 40 women carrying posters denouncing "dread" and complaining of shortages, marched from Magen David Adom Square down Rehov Nahlat Benyamin in Tel Aviv yesterday evening. They dispersed quietly.

Work Stoppage Threat By Private Builders

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—Private builders will halt work projects unless certain demands are met by the Government. A meeting of the Private Builders Association's Central Committee yesterday demanded rectification of allegedly unfair allocation of building materials.

If this demand is not met, about 450 contractors, reportedly employing 20,000 workers, will stop work on March 9.

The meeting also demanded that a law be passed, requiring that building for government and public bodies be done by tender.

Contracts for the erection of 44,420 housing units to the sum of IL.18,100,000 were signed with contractors during the current fiscal year by the Ministry of Labour's Housing Division, it was announced yesterday.

Last month, 420 contracts for units at the cost of IL.562,000 were signed by the Division and another 750 contracts for units costing IL.424,000 were signed with housing corporations.

Some 100 units will be built at Tira, near Haifa; 100 at Hatzor in Galilee and 200 public buildings in various immigrant settlements.

FOUND DEAD

HAIFA, Tuesday.— A patient of the Acre government mental home, was found dead in his room yesterday. His roommate, suspected of the killing, was not detained, as he is a severe mental case, police say.

HELD FOR ATTACK

PETAH TIKVA, Tuesday. — Three men who attacked the director of the Kfar Ono ma'barra yesterday and another five who tried to rescue them from police custody were brought to the Magistrate's Court here today. All eight were remanded for five days.

Ration News

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Rice: 200 grams. 295, visitors, 12. Margarine: 500 grams. Bar 22, visitors, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Beans or bargil: 500 grams, no coupons, visitors, 14. Chocolate: 1 bar, no coupons, visitors, 23. Porridge: 500 grams. Aleph and Bet.

JERUSALEM: Potatoes: 1 kilo. Yod 37, visitors, 37, nones 1, 2, 5, 9, 10 and 11. Halva: 100 grams, no coupons. Egg powder: 1 tin, no coupons. Chocolate: 1 bar, no coupons. Biscuits: 200 grams, no coupons. Detergent: 1 bottle.

TEL AVIV: Rations for sick persons: poultry, 300 grams. Hei Aleph 1 and Het Bet 8. Eggs: 4. Zayin 37. Cabbage, 250 grams. Kaf 24, visitors, 33.

The distribution of 250 grams of poultry against coupon Vav 11, which was interrupted some months ago, has been resumed.

HAIFA: Rations for diabetics: 2 bars special chocolate at the Elite shop, 42 Rehov Herzog.

Szold Prize For Water Research

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The annual Hemietta Szold prizes for research in medicine and hygiene were awarded at a ceremony in the Municipal Council Hall tonight to Prof. A. L. Ulitzki, of the Hebrew University Medical School, and to Prof. Ludwig P. Meyer, special consultant of the Children's Department of the local Hadassah Hospital. The prizes, IL.200 and IL.300 respectively were presented by Dr. Moshe Cohen, Deputy Mayor.

The award to Prof. Ulitzki was made for his research on the bacteriological content of water reservoirs in Jerusalem in 1948. His paper was published in the journal of the Israel Medical Association. His research was done during the water shortage, when Jerusalem was under siege and centred around the source of bacteria polluting the water, as well as on the chemical processes connected with the purification of the water. His studies led to the purification of the water, easing the suffering of the besieged population.

Research work in the field of infant nutrition won the award for Prof. Meyer. The citation stated that he had contributed to the cure of diarrhoea in small children and had instructed local hospitals and doctors in modern pediatric techniques.

Prof. Ulitzki said that his work was only the forerunner of research that could lead to the purification and utilization of sewage water as well as to the cleansing of sea water for bathing.

MAYOR PAYS FOR WOMAN'S BURIAL

REHOVOT, Tuesday.— Over 100 persons carried the body of Fulha Samra, 75, four kilometres from the Zarnuga "B" ma'bara to the Municipality here tonight. They demanded that the woman be buried.

The demonstrators said that the old woman had died yesterday morning and that her son, unable to pay funeral expenses, had applied to the welfare authorities who in turn had called on the Burial Society. The latter asked IL.30 for the burial, it was stated. The demonstrators dispersed when the Mayor, Mr. Benzion Hurwitz, promised to pay the IL.30. The woman will be buried tomorrow.

Quick Police Action Finds Assailant

A few hours after Mr. Shabati Biri, a Mekorot company foreman on the Ein Karem pipeline project, was stabbed in the head and face by an unknown man yesterday afternoon, the suspected assailant, Zalman Saleh, 25, was arrested as he sat in a cafe in the Dier Abu Tor of Jerusalem.

The 22 year old foreman, who was attacked as he entered the office of a sub-contractor in Jaffa Road, was rushed to the Magen David Adom clinic where his wounds were described as serious, but no cause for concern.

Saleh, a resident of Kfar Mamahat (Malcha), was a workman on the Ein Karem project until his dismissal a few days ago. He reportedly sought reinstatement today and was told to take the matter up with the labour exchange.

Seamen's Counsel Makes Final Plea

HAIFA, Tuesday. — "This trial opened with 30 accused and great expectations. Of both, few have remained," Mr. D. Epstein, defence counsel told Judge A. Schaal in his final plea in the case of the remaining ten s.s. Tel Aviv seamen in the District Court here today.

Other defence counsels pleaded that the men had already been punished as a result of the Port Police refusal to allow them to sail pending trial. This had affected their careers and livelihood. The stigma of imprisonment would remain with the men all their lives.

Judge Schaal will pronounce sentence on Thursday morning.

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The new Israel blue and silver 1,000 pruta stamp with a reproduction of the Candelabrum on the Arch of Titus, surrounded by the emblems of the Twelve Tribes, will go on sale today. This is the most expensive stamp the Post Office has issued.

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The Philatelic Service of the Post Office is arranging an exhibit of Israel stamps for display at the International Stamp Exhibition in Luxembourg and Holland this year.

Eyewitness Account In Levi Case

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (ITIM) — An eyewitness account of the killing of Levi was given in the District Court here today by Mr. M. Gross, a neighbour of the two Karobelnik brothers who are charged with the murder.

Mr. Gross said that on the morning in question he heard the accused's mother shout "thieves" and he also heard a scuffle. Going outdoors, he saw one of the brothers, who stood near the dead man, drop a bloodstained knife. Yehuda Karobelnik, the witness said, then examined the man, but his brother said, "Leave him alone, that's what he deserves."

The witness claimed that neighbours repeatedly had asked the Custodian of Abandoned Property to remove the accused from the area. The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.

Rolls Downhill, Saves His Life

The quick thinking and agility of an eight year old Jerusalem boy who entered no-man's-land by mistake yesterday afternoon saved him his life. When an Arab Legion sentry on the Citadel wall near Mt. Zion fired four shots at him, the youngster threw himself to the ground and rolled downhill for several metres until he found shelter behind a wall. There he remained — trembling with fear — until he was found some time later.

Israel sentries notified the authorities who carried out an immediate, on-the-spot investigation. Punishment of the Legionnaire who fired the shots was demanded by Israel representatives on the Mixed Armistice Commission. (hins)

HOTEL SUES GOV'T FOR DAMAGES

A suit for damages against the Minister of Defence, who allegedly had permitted the Army to occupy the Yarkon Hotel, in Tel Aviv, from May 1948 to February 1949 rent free, was lodged yesterday in the Jerusalem District Court, sitting as a General Tribunal for Compensation.

The owner of the hotel declared that he had asked the Government for IL.13,000 in August 1949, but that as the result of differences of opinion over the amount due and the law to be applied, no indemnity has yet been paid.

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In the matter of The Scandinavian Near East Shipping Agency (Palestine) Limited.

Notice is hereby given that a petition for the winding-up of the above-named company by the District Court of Tel Aviv-Jaffa, was on the 18th day of February, 1952 presented to the said Court by Mr. Eugene Ernenides of La Tour-de-Peilz, Switzerland. And that the said petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at Tel Aviv-Jaffa on the 25th day of March, 1952; and any creditor or contributory of the said company desirous to support or oppose the making of an order on the said petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself or his advocate for that purpose; and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Yehuda Fraenkel, Advocate,
15 Rehov Achad-Haam, Tel Aviv.
Attorney for Petitioner.

Note.— Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention to do so. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm or his or their advocate (if any), and must be delivered, or if posted must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than one o'clock in the afternoon of the 17th day of March, 1952.

Arab Truck Siezed On Mt. Scopus

A Jordan truck loaded with foodstuffs crossed into the Israel demilitarized zone on Mt. Scopus yesterday morning, apparently in error. The truck was confiscated and the driver and one other occupant taken into custody. The men were released later in the day.

An emergency convoy yesterday rushed to Mt. Scopus to bring down one of the personnel suffering an attack of acute appendicitis.

FLOOR COLLAPSES

Household effects estimated at several hundreds of pounds were damaged when the floor of a kitchen in the apartment of Mrs. Rivka Levi, 29, of the Sucoat Shalom quarter in Jerusalem, collapsed yesterday morning into a basement apartment. The occupants of both apartments were away at the time. (ITIM)

For stealing a radio from the car of Mr. Zvi Lauerson in Tel Aviv last December, Avner Eliasher, 20, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment by the Tel Aviv Magistrate yesterday.

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73 labour disputes involving 822 workers were dealt with last month by the Labour Relations Department of the Ministry of Labour.

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11 Nazi Criminals Freed from Prison

BONN, Tuesday (AP)—Kurt Gallenkamp, a former German General once sentenced to death for being implicated in the killing of British Commandos, was today released from the prison at Werl, which is under British supervision. Ten other war criminals, including two women concentration camp wardresses, were also released.

The releases have no connection with the promise made in London last week by three Western Powers that a special review would be made of the cases of German war criminals still in Allied prisons in Germany. That review will not begin until after the "peace contract" with West Germany goes into effect, possibly later this year, a British official explained. The British review was begun some weeks ago, independently of the other Allies.

The freed women were S.S. wardresses at the dreaded Belsen and Ravensbrueck concentration camps. Helene Kappel received 15 years at the British war crimes trial in November 1945, when guards responsible for atrocities at Belsen were tried. Her sentence was later reduced to 10 years and she walked out of prison today after 6½ years, with allowance for good conduct.

The other woman, Margaret Mewes, a wardress at the women's concentration camp at Ravensbrueck, where thousands of Allied civilians were killed, was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in February 1947.

Mewes was one of the torturers of Odette Samparu, the British woman who was awarded the George Cross and who is the heroine of the film "Odette," (running currently in Jerusalem).

Gallenkamp's release still leaves several German Generals in Werl, including Erich Von Manstein and Albert Kesselring. These two names are the popular focus of the Germans campaign to set free all war criminals who did not personally commit atrocities. The Bonn Parliament demanded this as part of the price for German help to defend the West.

'BLACK' TEXTILES, GEMS FOUND BY POLICE

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (ITIM).— Economic Police today discovered a hidden store of textiles reportedly smuggled into Nathanya form a neighbouring country. The owner was arrested and the goods confiscated.

A secret diamond polishing plant, employing 50 workers and using smuggled stones was reportedly found today by Economic Police in Rehov Zevulum here. Polished stones worth thousands of pounds, allegedly ready for smuggling abroad, were confiscated and the owner arrested.

Accused of purchasing and smuggling to France a $1,000 cheque drawn on a New York Bank, Father Irlid, 36, monk of the St. Joseph Monastery in Jaffa, was recently arrested and later released on bail.

The accused allegedly told the police that the cheque was acquired from a Jewish resident here and was to be used for buying books for the St. Joseph's school.

For buying 380 kilograms of sugar from an Air Force officer for resale at an inflated price, Avraham Mizrachi, 28, of 27 Rehov Hashomer, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment by Judge Y. Assia in the District Court here today. Zvi Rosenthal and Yitzhak Daniel, who were accused with him, will be tried on Thursday. The officer, Segen Max Frenkel, who sold the sugar to them for IL.494, will also be brought to trial. He allegedly transported the sugar in a military vehicle. Mr. Y. Karp prosecuted.

HUSBAND POURS VITRIOL DOWN WIFE'S NECK

TEL AVIV, Tuesday —Ilana Ervinzal, 21, of the Yad Eliahu quarter here, sustained severe burns when her husband, Israel, 26, allegedly poured vitriol down her neck today. She was taken to Hadassah Hospital. Ervinzal gave himself up to the police.

TENDER

The Municipal Corporation of Nazareth requires the installation of a water pipes system from the artesian well, located at a place about six kms. to the south/west of Nazareth, to the city water reservoirs.

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Contractors are required to pay a deposit of 10% of their quotation on submission of the tender.

Quotations will be accepted at the Municipal Office not later than April 15, 1952.

The Municipal Corporation reserves the right to accept or refuse any tender during a period of 2 months after the a/m date.

The Municipality is authorized to grant the Contract in part or in whole to any Contractor, without being obliged to agree to the lowest quotation.

CHAIRMAN OF THE NAZARETH MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

Israel May Attend World Film Festival

CANNES, Tuesday, (UP). — Israel is expected to attend the fifth International Film Festival, which will be held here from April 23 to May 10, but has not yet given an official reply to the invitation issued by the organizers.

Eighteen countries, including one member of the Soviet bloc, have already affirmed that they will participate and it is expected that, with the attendance of Israel and Japan, the number will rise to 20.

Britannic Tourists On Three Day Visit

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Over 400 Americans came ashore in Haifa this morning from the 27,666-ton Cunard ship, the Britannic, to spend three of their 66 days of Mediterranean cruising on a tour of Israel.

The Britannic is now an annual guest here, but spent only a day in Haifa in 1950 and 1951. Unsettled Egyptian politics have bestowed another two days here on the guests, since it was decided "in the interest of the utmost enjoyment of the cruise to eliminate the scheduled call at Alexandria," according to a notice to all passengers. Israel, Greece, Italy and Corsica are the beneficiaries, sharing among them the time previously allotted to the Egyptian visit.

The Tourist Department arrangements were faultless, but an insufficient number of launches slowed down disembarkation. A senior steward regretted that the Port Authority would not allow the use of the ship's own launches.

The Britannic will leave for Rhodes at seven o'clock Friday morning.

A bank binding shop which will employ handicapped persons is to be opened in the German Colony in Jerusalem by the Ministries of Social Welfare and Labour.

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Turks Won't Return Money to Jews

ISTANBUL, Tuesday (INA). — Despite many public statements by Government officials and leaders of the Democratic Party, which is now in power in Turkey, condemning the discriminatory tax imposed on Jews and other minorities in 1942, there is little evidence that the Government either can or desires to make restitution of some LT.600m. which were confiscated by tax collectors, it was established here today.

When a Jew who paid LT.2m. tax in 1942, the largest single tax payment, recently applied for restitution, he was roundly abused by the Press and by the Minister of Finance.

The matter is considered closed, nor has action been taken on a suggestion by a group of Turkish M.P.'s, including the Jewish deputy, Mr. Salamon Adatle, that the Government float a special bond issue to repay victims of the discriminatory tax.

Evidence that the tax is condemned by public opinion was supplied some months ago when Mr. S. Saracoglu, the former Premier who was chiefly responsible for the tax on minorities, said that, if he were returned to power, he would impose new and similar tariffs.

Public reaction was completely opposed to his views and even some prominent members of his Republican Party have disagreed with the ex-Premier. Since then the present Premier and Finance Minister have condemned the tax as a blot on the history of Turkey.

Synagogue Told To Halt Building

An interim order to prevent the Council of the Synagogue in the Kerem Avraham quarter in Jerusalem from continuing to build a two-story house in Rehov Malachi was issued by the Jerusalem District Court yesterday.

The 18 applicants, house-owners and tenants on the street, charge that the land where the building is being erected is a public thoroughfare which the Municipality had registered in its own name. Part of the land was later given to the Synagogue Council which has blocked off traffic by starting to build on the land.

Claiming that this transfer was contrary to the city plan for that area, the applicants assert that the Municipality's later decision was taken without a two-thirds majority of the City Council and without the approval of the District Representative.

The applicants also plead that the house is to be used for public purposes and consequently will make the neighbourhood noisy. The building, it is alleged, is being erected only two metres away from adjoining houses.

The order issued by the Court is valid until the Council is heard and a final decision given.



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Cables in Brief

CALCUTTA PETE. — Two men, one known alternatively as "Calcutta Pete" or "South American Joe," were yesterday found guilty of stealing two Hebrew Scrolls of Esther from Westminster Abbey Church, England. One was given a prison for six months and the other fined £50.

MEAT.—Five European Catholic nuns have been expelled from the Chinese People's Republic after being accused of eating the flesh of babies.

SIR HARRY.—Tomeo Ogawa, leader of a party which went to Tokyo to welcome the 49th Stat, left Tokyo for the U.S. yesterday with a gift for President Truman—a 14th century Japanese knight's suit of armour.

PACIFIST.—Tokyo's new broadcasting service—Radio Japan—avoids news of the Korean war and other fighting. "We are peacefully minded—we do not want to quarrel with anybody," a spokesman explained.

ECONOMY.—The South Korean Ministry of Justice is to release 3,000 prisoners from jail because they are "too expensive to keep."

SUICIDE.—A London market salesman, William Houghton, 47, was so upset by the death of King George VI that he quitted himself; a London coroner's court was told yesterday. He rang up his employer a short time after hearing the news and "seemed more upset than normal patriotism demanded" explaining "I shall be the next one."

CRASH.—A four-engined U.S. bomber crashed at an airforce base near Omaha, Nebraska, yesterday killing four people and injuring 11.

ELECTION.—Thailand went to the polls yesterday to elect 121 representatives to the National Assembly. Little interest or enthusiasm was shown by the newspapers or the public.

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Tiv'on Local Council

Taxpayers in the Tiv'on Local Council area are notified that any sums due from them for general, property or business tax should be paid before March 31, 1952. After that date a fine will be imposed according to law (K.T. 114, page 28) amounting to 20% of any sum of taxes due.

Levy Grinspon,
President, Tiv'on Local Council

Israel Touring Club, Talbieh, Jerusalem

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members are hereby invited to attend the Annual General Meeting which will be held tomorrow night at 8 at the above address. In the event of there being no quorum at that time, a new meeting will be held at 9 p.m. on the same day and at the same place, and any number of members present will constitute a quorum, pursuant to the Club's Articles of Association.

On the Agenda:

1. Annual report for 1951 on the activities of the Executive Committee; Financial Report; Discussion.
2. Election of Council Members, of the Members' Committee and Auditors.
3. Budget Proposal for 1952.
4. Miscellaneous.

Personal Notices

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IT was reported last week that a number of Polish Jews who had visited the Israel Legation in Warsaw had been detained for questioning. Actions such as these serve to point up one of the difficulties experienced by this country's representatives abroad.

BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

Plainly, a diplomat cannot intervene in any way on behalf of citizens of the country to which he is accredited, though such citizens consider the Legations "theirs" even before they receive permission to emigrate and renounce their citizenship.

In the Iron Curtain countries emigration may not, as in the West, be recommended or even publicly discussed; nevertheless, these countries have provided a large and valuable section of Israel's immigrants during the past four years.

In Eastern Europe emigration is in almost all cases totally banned except to Israel, for which a limited number of permits is given at times. A steady flow of immigration now still comes only from Rumania, although there, too, it proceeds by fits and starts. Jewish emigration from Bulgaria is, to all intents and purposes, completed. The main pressure areas are Poland and Hungary, where tens of thousands still wait to come, and to a lesser extent Czechoslovakia also. As the incidents now reported indicate, it is not without danger for a Jew in Poland to show that he wishes to emigrate: the fact that large numbers of persons continue to risk it shows how urgent and ardent this desire remains, even without any outside agent to promote it. In alternately granting and refusing permission to Jews to leave, the Eastern Bloc States seem to have been guided by two opposing motives — on the one hand, that emigration is bad for the state both because it costs manpower and because it suggests that life elsewhere is more desirable, while on the other it is obviously to the advantage of a state practising a strictly controlled collective ideology to remove elements having close personal or emotional links with a non-Communist foreign country.

On the question of manpower, the countries concerned hold all the trumps, and can simply refuse to let the young and well-qualified go. The other two arguments hold their own balance, and permits are issued where it seems profitable to let a number of the most ardent and those with the closest bonds with Israel go, in order to reduce the ferment caused by this pressure. In Hungary, however, where emigration had been in progress for some time, a campaign of violent anti-Israel defamation opened recently, and emigration suddenly stopped, apparently on the score that it was cruelty to permit people to submit themselves to the capitalist vagaries of the Israel regime. Despite the campaigns, the wish to emigrate persists among the large majority of the Jews in each of these countries, and unless critical changes take place the trickle of emigration from each country in turn is likely to continue. Russia itself, of course, is excluded from this movement, and its Jews have small prospect of any relaxation on the total ban on movements.

The regime that has not yet fully congealed in the satellite countries, and can still simply eliminate elements thought incapable of becoming completely integrated, has in Russia become too rigid to be able to contemplate so individualist a solution of a problem as the emigration of citizens who do not wish to stay.

VISITORS' GALLERY
Seeds for Sweden

THE possibility of growing seed in Israel for export to Sweden is now being investigated by Professor Hugo Osvald, head of the Division of Plant Husbandry at the Swedish Royal Agricultural College of Ultuna, and Dr. E. Akerberg, an authority on plant breeding, both of whom are now here on a short visit.

"Specifially, we are interested in whether lucerne seeds, which yield fodder similar to clover, can be grown here," Prof. Osvald said. "Sweden imports these seeds mostly from America at a cost of about $200,000 a year."

The experiment is already in progress at the Agricultural Research Station at Rehovoth and the results should be known by autumn. If the test is successful, large quantities will be planted. Similar experiments may be carried out with vegetable (mostly pea) and flower seeds.

Both men have visited the Station, the Hebrew University and the Weizmann Institute and reported that they had "been impressed with the scientific activity" that they had seen. Visits have also been made to the Negev, and Prof. Osvald is looking forward to a trip to the Huleh marshes.

"I recently made a trip to New Zealand to study the peat bogs there, and would like to see the Huleh product to compare it, too, with the peat in Sweden," he said.

WAITING TO VOTE IN INDIA'S FIRST GENERAL ELECTION



A typical scene outside one of the polling booths in Calcutta, showing the long line of voters waiting to record their vote. A policeman stands by at right. Express Photo

Congress Win is Gain for Left

By RAWLE KNOX

NEW DELHI.

INDIA'S general elections have proved a triumph not only for Congress but for the Administration. If unsuccessful candidates, alleging tampering with ballot boxes, are increasingly loud in complaint that the two triumphs were far too closely connected, the more honest of them will admit that, considering the inexperience of the presiding officers, the elections were fairer than could ever have been imagined.

Nowhere had candidates to fear intimidation. It was left to Moscow's "Trud" to pay India unwitting tribute by commenting that Congress received fewer than half the total votes despite having the whole electoral machinery in its hands.

The world was unprepared for the extent of the Communist gains in southern India, but so indeed was Congress, which is a northern growth with its maturest blossoms in Uttar Pradesh and only straggling roots reaching further south than Maharashtra. India south of the Godavari river is another world, and even the C.P.I. (Communist Party of India) was surprised at its successes there.

Wasted Scorn

Did Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru tilt at windmills during that extraordinary election tour, in which he spoke to some twenty-five million souls and was seen by as many again? He attacked religious discrimination in other parties but could not prevent the voting by caste within Congress which, even according to Congressmen, was one of the most unsatisfactory features of the elections. He wasted much scorn on rebel groups of ex-Congressmen who had anyway contrived to defeat themselves before the elections began. He lauded Congress as the protector of the Scheduled Castes and destroyed Dr. Ambedkar's Scheduled Castes Federation. He claimed that as a Congressman he was a good Socialist, and his words doomed Jaiprakash's official Socialist party, containing some of the finest talent and selflessness in the country.

But the Communists also were keen to eliminate the Scheduled Castes Federation and the Socialists who were working on their own ground. In Bombay they urged voters in double-member constituencies to spoil their second vote rather than support any other anti-Congress Party but the Communists. Congress the C.P.I. is prepared to deal with; Congress it regards as the effete capitalist party which will one day sink to the ground of its own obesity. It is this belief which Nehru still has to dispel with the promised revitalization of his party.

Nehru, from the honesty of his convictions, could not condemn Communist theory in his election speeches, only Communist violence. But also he could not disown retaliatory police violence which, according to the C.P.I., was responsible for much of its electoral success. The Communists thus won two quite distinct types of victory; one with intelligent propaganda among the best-educated electorates in India — in Travancore, Cochin and in Madras; the other by violence among the most ignorant — in Hyderabad and neglected Tripura.

Difficult Triumphs

A Communist-shy world, however, has paid too little attention to several difficult triumphs which Congress achieved. West Bengal, where ever since independence the Government has been under heavy Communist fire — and where the elections emphasized its particular dislikes by unseating seven Ministers — is certainly one. East Punjab and P.E.P.S.U. (Patiala and East Punjab States Union) are two others. Here as in Bengal, the communal parties tried to work on the feelings of refugees; yet Pakistan never became an election issue.

Perhaps Congress's greatest victory was in Rajasthan, where it almost lost. It was a struggle to gain half the seats in the provincial assembly but it was a struggle against history. The meagre years in which the party has been allowed to operate in the Rajput States, the inevitable poverty of its material and the powerful opposition of such princely houses as Jodhpur and Bikaner, were terrible handicaps. It is incorrect to say that the landlords' successes in Rajasthan are a swing to the right; the true interpretation is that the Congress win represents a remarkable gain for the Left. OFNS

Readers' Letters

POST APPRECIATED

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — You may be pleased to know that after reading my copy of The POST through from beginning to end, I turn it over to friends in the Jewish community here in Memphis who are delighted to read it... Did you know that there are many people who have no idea that there is such a thing as an English newspaper published in Israel?... It might be a good thing if some of the many propagandising professionals from Israel here in the States put a plug in for The POST and stimulated its circulation in the States... It would be a tremendous value for the "cause" in a frank and unprejudiced manner of getting the real everyday news about the country.

Yours, etc.,
JAMES SPRINGER, D.M.D.
Memphis, Tennessee, January 29

IMPORTANT FACTOR. — The Civil Service Commissioner (your issue February 8) did not mention one of the most important reasons for inefficiency in Government administration—the low salaries paid to government officers. Many efficient men have either left or are planning to leave the service, and their posts are being filled by unsuitable people for lack of suitable ones. Few intelligent and capable young men now think of entering the service because they cannot exist on the salaries.

Jerusalem. "Government Officer"

Negev Canal Scheme Supported in Commons

LONDON. — SUPPORT for President Weizmann's proposal that a canal should be constructed through the Negev as an alternative to the Suez Canal was expressed in the House of Commons recently by Mr. George Wigg (Labour).

Referring to President Weizmann's suggestion in his book, "Trial and Error," on the cutting of a second canal, Mr. Wigg said that the British Government should take the initiative and see whether it was a practical engineering and financial undertaking. Such a canal, he said, would provide an alternative base which would enable Britain to maintain its position in the area, and at much less cost.

"I think that Dr. Weizmann had in mind the cutting of a canal which would begin north of Gaza and go down to Akaba," Mr. Wigg continued. "I cannot believe that a man of the wisdom and intelligence of Dr. Weizmann would have put forward a proposal of that kind without justification. Overnight such a step would change the atmosphere of Middle East politics for the better."

Dr. Reginald Bennett (Conservative) spoke of the Arabs' fears of Israel's expansion. Dealing with the Arab refugee problem, he said it was the duty of the whole civilised world, out of sheer humanity, to help in their rehabilitation.

"Israel is regarded as an extremely dangerous neighbour," he went on: "a very powerful State, one with whom its immediate neighbours can live only with a good deal of apprehension. It is a vigorous State; it is an over-crowded State, and I can give some assurance that the neighbouring countries are genuinely afraid that the time is coming when 'another invasion' will be contemplated by the extremely well-armed Israelis."

In a reference to the arms situation in the Middle East, he protested that, while Israel had arms, the Arab States had been affected by the British boycott on the export of arms.

They feared "rapid expansion" of Israel while they were prevented from having any arms. And he did not think they had the ingenuity to get them in a clandestine way. It was time, he thought, to reconsider the attitude towards the arming of the Arab States in their own right. JCPNS

Experts Plan To Convert Sterling

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LONDON.

SENIOR Commonwealth finance officials and Economic experts are now meeting privately in London to work out plans for the steps to be taken to make sterling convertible. These 45 officials and experts are also examining investment, development and long term borrowing projects for the Commonwealth countries of the Sterling area, of which Britain is the banker.

They are meeting in two Committees set up by the one-week secret conference in London in January of the Commonwealth Finance Ministers. Both Committees are meeting continuously and simultaneously and will report back to their Finance Ministers in a few weeks.

Increase Production

The Committee on Investment, development and long term borrowing projects is scrutinizing the opportunities for an early increase in the productive power of the Commonwealth countries of the sterling area.

It also has to:

- Study prospects of finding finance, external and internal, and technical assistance for productive projects;
- Examine the capital equipment requirements of the sterling area Commonwealth countries; and
- Explore ways and means of increasing their production of food, raw materials and other essential goods.

The Finance Ministers and senior representatives of nine Commonwealth nations have pledged themselves to try to put the sterling area into credit by the end of this year.

The sterling area is the largest multi-lateral trading area in the world with an estimated annual export and import turnover valued at £12,750 m. It is now not only in balance of payments deficit with the dollar and hard currency areas but also with the rest of the world's monetary areas, including the European Payments Union.

Britain and the sterling area's member countries are now facing the third and worst post-war economic and financial crisis. The Commonwealth Finance Ministers had to face the alarming fact that there is a heavy drain on the sterling area's central gold and dollar reserves pool. The gold and dollar reserves on December 31, 1951, had been reduced to $834m. as compared with $1,178m. at the end of 1950.

Secret Proposals

The critical ministerial discussions were presided over by Mr. Richard Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and attended by the Finance Ministers and representatives of the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Empire territories.

The Conference made it quite clear that the only way to prevent the recurrent drain on the central gold and dollar reserves was for every country in the sterling area "strenuously to endeavour" to live within the means which are or can be available to it. The sterling area as a whole must succeed in this endeavour.

The Finance Ministers decided to put before their governments certain definite proposals, which are still secret, calculated in the aggregate to ensure that the sterling area as a whole would be in balance with the rest of the world by the end of this year.

The first and most important step is to ensure that the internal economy is sound and that all possible measures are taken to combat inflation. This is essential for an improvement in the balance of payments. It will also help to keep down the cost of living. Another important requirement is to increase exports and earning power. In some cases, long term borrowing from outside the sterling area may be practicable.

Finally, so far as other methods do not fully achieve the desired result it will be necessary as a temporary measure to reduce imports.

JERUSALEM ART NOTES
Oils from the Argentine

THE exhibition "Artistas Argentinas," which was opened on February 20 at the Bezalel National Museum, cannot be accepted as a representative display of Argentinian Art. This gigantic subcontinent must have produced more impressive, more interesting contemporary art than this collection of paintings in second-hand French style. We remember having seen reproductions of fascinating Argentinian paintings, conceived in an expressionist or surrealist mood against the background of the gorgeous colonial Baroque.

Only two pictures in the exhibition are "Argentine" in theme: The "Candombe Dancers" by Juana Lumerman are rather obscure in composition, whilst the "Motivo del norte argentino" by Carlos Torrallardona is all too obviously influenced by Gauguin. All the other works might have been painted in any studio on the banks of the Seine.

Highlights of this collection are the amusingly surrealist "Taormina" by Aquiles Badi; the intriguing "Farol en el Campo" by Juan C. Castagnino, surrealist in composition, impressionist in treatment; the pleasing "Paisaje" by Raoul Soldi; Roberto Rossi's excellent "Naturalezza muerta"; and the extremely well-painted "Barrio" by Josefina Rabinstein de Slosinsky. The fact that each of the 32 contributing artists is only represented by a single painting and that obviously as many contradicting trends as possible have been included makes it impossible to form any opinion about individual artists or the general line of contemporary art in Argentina. Th. F. M.

MUSICAL DIARY

THE I.P.O.'s Subscription Concert No. 5, conducted by Alceo Galliera at the Edison on Thursday, could appeal only to people with a conservative taste. There is little in Respighi's suite "Antiche Danze ed Arie per Liuto" to compare with the imperishable attraction of Pergolesi-Stravinsky's "Pulcinella" or Richard Strauss' "Couperin" suites. After opening with Respighi, Haydn's "Symphonie Concertante" lacked contrast. But the orchestra, dignified with Respighi, performed well, and willingly followed the guest-conductor's directions. The strings sounded beautiful and the soloists in the "Symphonie Concertante": H. Haftel (violin), D. Hofmekler (cello), E. Thorner (oboe), and M. Rechtman (bassoon) were first rate.

Brahms' Second Symphony is always deeply moving. Maestro Galliera was very much at home with the melancholy of the allegro non troppo, although there could have been more warmth; but the dramatic contrasts were excellently shaped.

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Alfred Einstein

The death of Dr. Alfred Einstein at the age of 71 in California means the loss of one of the 20th Century's greatest musicologists. Born in Munich in 1881, he was a pupil of Prof. Adolf Sandberger and became editor of the "Zeitschrift fuer Musikgeschichte" in 1918. At the same time Einstein was music critic of the social-democratic newspaper "Munich Post." In 1929, Theodor Wolff appointed Alfred Einstein to succeed Leopold Schmidt as music editor and critic of the "Berliner Tageblatt." In 1933, he left Germany to settle first in London, then in Florence, and later in Northampton, Massachusetts, where he was a Professor at Smith College.

Among his writings was the revision of Koechel's "Mozart Catalogue", Riemann's "Musik-Lexicon," A. Eaglefield-Hull's "Dictionary of Modern Music and Musicians," and Benedetto Marcello's satirical pamphlet "Il Teatro alla Moda" (the latter two he translated into German). Einstein specialized in the study of the Italian madrigal, on which he wrote a chapter in Guido Adler's "Handbuch der Musikgeschichte." In exile he published a new edition of his "Short History of Music" and later such important books as "Gluck"; "Mozart";

Chamber Music

Of the two quintets played by Messrs. Pelleg, Parnes, Rogoff, Borochow, Katz and Mirkin at the Tel Aviv Museum last Saturday, the Shostakovich piece (op. 58) was the highlight; not only because it is a work of great poignancy, but also because the other work on the programme, Schubert's "Trout" Quintet, was less perfectly interpreted.

The first two movements of the Shostakovich, Prelude and Fugue, centre round a magnificent church theme, reminiscent of the "Gate of Kiev" sequence in Mussorgsky's "Pictures from an Exhibition." This mood gives way to two particularly charming examples (the scherzo and finale) of Shostakovich's satire of the vulgar. A fifth movement, intermezzo, is a sort of hilarious accompaniment to a couplet without words. — Mo.

Jewish Folk-Songs

With the appearance of a new small album of Jewish folk-songs, "Al Ha'ahava," (edited by the Cultural Department of the Haifa Workers' Association), Mr. Shimshon Melzer gave a lecture at Beytenu on Saturday on the source and development of the Jewish folk-song. The songs had been collected by Mr. Mendel Singer, translated into Hebrew by Mr. Melzer, while Mr. Moshe Bick added the accompaniment.

The lecture was followed by a selection of songs from the album pleasantly sung by the baritone, Mr. A. Goldschmidt, and the mezzo-soprano, Mrs. Yochevet Traub. The audience was then invited to join in the singing under Mr. Bick's direction. G. W.-B.

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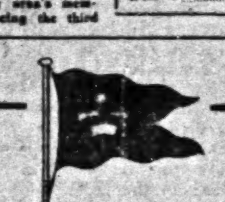
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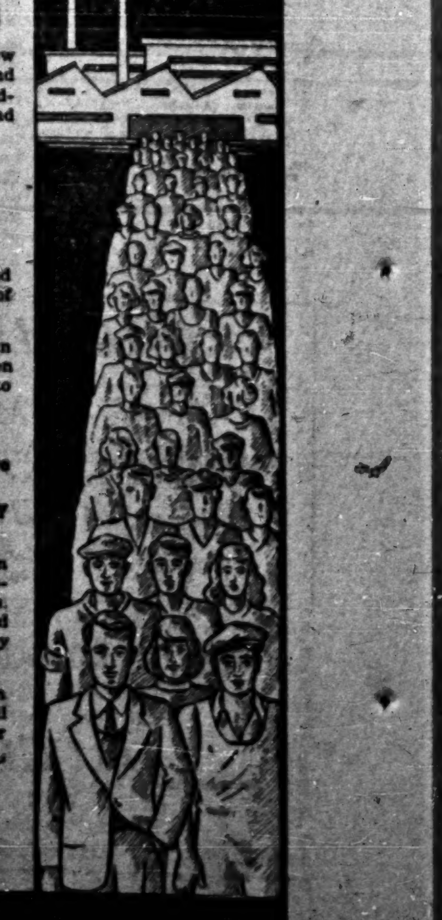


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